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MODULAR SHELTER SYSTEM, PARTICULARLY FOR TRANSPORT

OF PERSONS AND/OR OBJECTS

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Commissioner of Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed on March 27, 2006, Applicants are providing herewith a concise explanation of the relevance of DE 25 41 375, DE 30 24 437, DE 298 09 772, and DE 101 32 736, which were cited in Applicant's March 27, 2006 Information Disclosure Statement.

DE 25 41 375 B2: Tank container for transport of aggressive fluids, which has an outer container made of thin sheet steel, which is inserted into a container having a rectangular

configuration, by way of holder devices. This container <u>cannot</u> be used for the transport of <u>persons and/or objects</u>.

DE 30 24 437 A1: Pre-manufactured construction system for protective rooms, with pre-finished modular units that are room segments or room cells, which consists of a tubular steel profile frame planked with smooth sheet metal or with profiled sheet metal. These protective rooms are not configured as transport vehicles. For this reason, the bottom does not have any special protection (e.g. no protection against blast waves is provided).

DE 298 09 772 U1: Room-shaped container unit in which one can walk, which relates to <u>aircraft equipment</u>. Here again, no particular protection, particularly of the floor, is provided.

DE 101 32 736 A1: Armored vehicle, protected against mines, having a vehicle tub that has a bottom and chain boxes on the sides. Running rollers are affixed at a distance from the vehicle tub, and mounted resiliently by means of rotating rods. A bottom protection module is firmly screwed onto the underside of the bottom, so that the dynamic dent range of mines that form blasts

and projectiles is at a distance from the ground and, in particular, from the rotating rods.

Here, it is true that separate protection of the bottom is specifically provided for this vehicle, but this protection is firmly screwed onto the underside of the bottom. Nothing is said with regard to arranging an accommodation system for persons and/or objects within the vehicle, for example.

In summary, it must be stated that the state of the art does not form any comprehensive protection with regard to all military threats, starting from small-caliber ammunition all the way to anti-tank weapons and mines, and thus is unsuitable for many cases of use.

Because this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that no fee is required; however, if a fee should be required for this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is hereby authorized to charge any required fee, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-2468.

It is respectfully requested that the foregoing Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be incorporated into the official file of the present patent application.

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